

MIHS—An opportunity for all!

Councils offer administrative support to the unit and assist them financially by making this opportunity available to all girls, regardless of race, ability, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status. Honor Scouts applying for leadership are asked to contribute service by sharing her experiences with others or representing the Council at special events, such as parades and flag ceremonies.

MIHS Adult Leadership

The M.I.H.S. program could not exist without the support and efforts of many adult volunteers. Each year, the unit needs nine adults to perform a variety of functions at the trainings and on the island. Positions include Co-Directors, Uniform Supervisor, Trainer, First Aider, Food Supervisor and two assistants, and Transportation/Activities Supervisor. Previous experience is required for some positions. Adults from all participating councils are encouraged to apply. Applications are available each fall through your local council.



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Crooked Tree: 1-800-968-5030

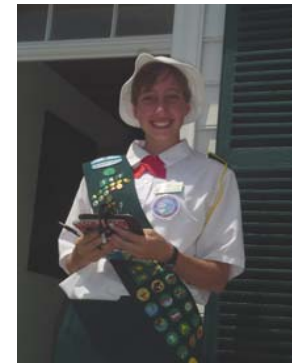
Glowing Embers: 1-800-788-4919

MI Pine & Dunes: 1-800-524-8490

MI Trails: 1-800-442-1401



Mackinac Island Honor Scouts



The MIHS - Mackinac Island Honor Scout Program strives to inspire all girls through Girl Scouting so they may develop courage, confidence and character and strive to make the world a better place.

The Mackinac Island Honor Scouts give service to the State of Michigan by acting as official guides at Fort Mackinac, and other historic sites on Mackinac Island, by conducting daily flag ceremonies at twenty-six flag stations, and through their participation in various service projects. Plus there is still time for bike riding, shopping, and sight-seeing.

Girls must be at least entering 7th grade to apply for MIHS each fall. Troop 147 is made up of girls from Crooked Tree, Glowing Embers, MI Pine and Dunes and MI Trails.

The emphasis of this program is service and leadership!

MIHS applications are due by 10/30

Could you be a Mackinac Island Honor Scout?

Are you:

- ◆ Entering 7th-12th grade?
- ◆ Experienced in Girl Scout volunteer and leadership activities?
- ◆ Mature and responsible?
- ◆ Courageous enough to withstand a week away from home?
- ◆ Able to perform the MIHS duties of raising and lowering flags, standing at post for long periods, performing community service projects, and cooperating with kapers?
- ◆ Someone whom others look to as a strong leader?
- ◆ A high capacity Girl Scout who can adapt to a changing schedule?
- ◆ Willing to take directions from Honor Scouts and adults in leadership positions?
- ◆ Ready for a life changing leadership experience?

If so, apply for a spot in Mackinac Island Honor Scout Troop #147!!

Applying for Mackinac Island Honor Scouts

The MIHS program is an individual girl service opportunity and selections are made on an individual basis only. We accept approximately 65 girls from four participating councils and we encourage teens of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds to apply.

In order to be considered you must be a registered Girl Scout at either Glowing Embers, Michigan Trails, Michigan Pine and Dunes, or Crooked Tree Girl Scout Council, have completed seventh grade and one year as a Cadette Girl Scout by the time you serve on the island, and demonstrate leadership and community service experience.

Applications are available each fall at your local Girl Scout Council or at the MIHS Informational Meeting. Questions about the program or the application process should be directed to MIHS Program Director, GSMT, at 1-800-442-1401 ext. 123 or ljswick@gsmt.org

MIHS Training

There are approximately five trainings for the unit and six trainings for leadership held between February and June. The trainings are held on weekends, and there is one Friday to Saturday overnight. Adult & unit members are expected to attend all the trainings. Trainings give you the opportunity to form a team and develop the skills to successfully provide service and leadership on the Island. Skills you will learn include flag procedures for raising and lowering flags in perfect unison, marching, Mackinac Island history and geography, guide duty information, bike safety and working as a team! You must attend a minimum of three trainings and serve the full week on the Island.

Week of Service

Honor Scouts serve for one week (seven days) during the summer, from a Saturday to a Saturday. Each year, our unit must reapply for the Scout Service Camp. If our application is accepted for the following year, we receive notification of the dates of our week of service for the following summer during the month of December. Our tentative week of service is scheduled the third week of July each year.

MIHS Cost

Program costs, which include food and transportation, are shared by all members of the unit, and amount to \$155.00 per person. MIHS participants wear a custom designed uniform (not the same as the Cadette and Senior Uniform). The required costs involved for a new MIHS include the uniform, shoes, a wristwatch, plus patches for the MIHS sash. Expect an additional cost of \$155.00 for new girls to cover the required costs of the uniform plus a sweatshirt and unit picture. Used uniform parts are often available, and this can lower some of the uniform costs. Financial assistance is available through your Girl Scout Council. Cookie Dough is accepted as well!

MIHS Patches & Awards

There are five specially designed M.I.H.S. Interest Projects that you may earn while on the island. In addition, up to three Service Training Bars, the Cadette and Senior Leadership Awards, and the Leadership IPP may be worked on while on Mackinac Island and in preparation for leadership. All of these may be applied toward requirements for the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards.